THE STATUS AND IMPORTANCE OF BISMILLAH

With reference to all important projects, works, chores and missions, the *shari'ah* has urged its adherents to begin them with:

بِسۡمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحۡمٰنِ الرَّحِيۡمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

The Hadith states:

كُلُّ اَمۡرٍ ذِىۡ بَالٍ لَمۡ يُبۡدَاۡ بِبِسۡمِ اللّٰهِ فَهُوَ اَقۡطَعُ

KULLU AMRIN DHĪ BĀLIN LAM YUBDA'
BI BISMIL-LĀHI FAHUWA AQṬA`

Any important work that does not begin with Bismillah is imperfect.

According to another version:

كُلُّ اَمۡرٍ ذِىۡ بَالٍ لَمۡ يُبۡدَاۡ بِبِسۡمِ اللّٰهِ فَهُوَ اَبۡتَرُ

KULLU AMRIN DHĪ BĀLIN LAM YUBDA'
BI BISMIL-LĀHI FAHUWA ABTAR

Any important work that does not begin with Bismillah is devoid of Barakah

When there is no barakah the chances are that a person will not be successful in that project. Therefore,

بِسۡمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحۡمٰنِ الرَّحِيۡمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

Should be read before beginning that project or work.

THE BARAKAH AND BLESSINGS OF BISMILLAH

Bismillah: The Essence Of The Holy Qur'an

According to some scholars, *Surah Al-Fatihah* is the essence of the entire *Qur'an*. And:



BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

is the essence of *Surah Al-Fatihah*.

When Bismillah Was Revealed…

Jabir ﵁ is reported to have said that when:



BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

was revealed, the clouds gave way by moving to the East, the winds ceased blowing, the oceans became calm, the creatures prepared themselves to listen, the *shayatin* were pelted with fire from the heavens and Allah ﷻ, swearing an oath by His honour, declared: Anyone who says this name of mine upon anything, I will surely impart *barakah* in that thing. *Ad Durrul Manthur and Ibn Kathir*

Bismillah Before Wahi

In Ad-Durrul Manthur, Ibn Umar رضي الله عنه is reported as saying that surely, whenever Jibreel عليه السلام used to bring *wahi* to Rasulullah ﷺ, he used to first recite:



BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

The reason for the above is as follows: in *Bismillah* there are three names of Allah سبحانه وتعالى:

1) Allah سبحانه وتعالى which is His personal name indicating that all projects can only be initiated by the will and wish of Allah سبحانه وتعالى.
2) *Rahman* (Kind) which is His attributive name indicating that only Allah سبحانه وتعالى can keep that project intact and existent (guarding it against destruction).
3) *Rahim* (Most Merciful) which is also His attribute name indicating that only Allah سبحانه وتعالى can, through His mercy and grace, enable any person to derive benefit from that project.

This clearly proves that any project beginning with:



BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

will be granted barakah (blessings) from the beginning till the end.

Bismillah Before Doing Anything

It is for this reason that Rasulullah ﷺ used to recite:

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

before doing any work. He ﷺ also advised the *ummah* to do the same. For example, reading it before shutting the door, before putting out the light, before taking meals, before drinking water, before boarding any mode of transport.

The Beauty Of Islam

Islam is not confined only to the *masjid* and *madrasah*. It is a way of life. Each and every aspect of a *Muslim's* life is supposed to be *deen*. It is for this reason that Rasulullah ﷺ has shown the *ummah* simple little methods which would render each and every worldly affair of his to become *deen* and for which he will be rewarded. It is for this reason that saying:

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

before any action, will render that action into an *ibadah* for which the reader will be rewarded. Besides by saying:

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

before any action, one is suggesting that his every affair - whether small or big - can only be accomplished with the help and mercy of Allah ﷻ.

Thus every activity of a person will become an *ibadah*. By doing this, he will draw closer to Allah and distance himself from the accursed *Shaytan*. And by not doing this he will deprive none other than himself.

According to Ibn Abbas رضي الله عنه in Ad-Durrul Manthur, Rasulullah ﷺ has said that people are unaware of the blessings of one *ayah* of the *Holy Qur'an* which was revealed to no one other than me and *Sulaiman* عليه السلام. And that is:



BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

Remembering Allah Through His Three Thousand Names

It is mentioned in *Tafsir Ruhul Bayan* that Allah ﷻ has three thousand names. He revealed one thousand to the angels, one thousand to the prophets عليهم السلام, three hundred are mentioned in the *Towrah*, three hundred in the *Zabur*, three hundred in the *Injil*, and ninety-nine in the *Holy Qur'an*. One name He has kept to Himself; He revealed it to no one. He has condensed all His names into the three names contained in:



BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

They are Allah, Rahman and Rahim. Any person saying:

بِسۡمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحۡمٰنِ الرَّحِيۡمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

is as though he has remembered Allah ﷻ by His three thousand names.

Teaching Children To Say Bismillah: A Means Of Forgiveness For Parents

It is reported from Abdullah bin Abbas رضي الله عنه that as soon as the tutor says to a child, read:

بِسۡمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحۡمٰنِ الرَّحِيۡمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

the teacher, the child and the child's parents are all guaranteed freedom from the fire of Jahannam.

An Incident

It is reported that prophet Isa عليه السلام passed by a grave whose inmate was being tormented. After some days he happened to pass by the same grave again. This time there was no punishment. The inmate was in great comfort. This surprised him a great deal. He asked Allah ﷻ: "Lord, what brought about Your mercy so that you have lifted the punishment from this person?" Allah ﷻ replied: "O *Isa*, when the man died, he left behind a child. When his mother took him to the *madrasah*, the child said:

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

in the presence of the teacher, it does not befit me to keep on punishing his father while he called me Rahman and Rahim. Hence, I forgave him.

Bismillah - A Means Of Deliverance From Punishment

It is reported from Abdullah bin Mas'ood رضي الله عنه that:



BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

has 19 letters and the angels of *Jahannam* are also 19. Anyone who says:

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

will be safeguarded against the 19 angels of *Jahannam*

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Bismillah - A Means Of High Status In The Hereafter

Rasulullah ﷺ is reported as saying that any *du'a* which begins with:

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

is not rejected. By saying:



BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

the scales of my ummah will become heavy on the Day of Qiyamah".

The other people will enquire:
"Why are the virtues of the Ummah of Muhammad so heavy?" Their prophets will reply: *"In the utterances of the Ummat of Muhammad there is such an honourable name of Allah ﷻ that if it is placed on one side of the scale, and the sins of the entire creation are placed onto the other side, then the side with the virtues will be heavier."*

Other Wonders Of Bismillah

Rasulullah ﷺ is reported to have said that as long as people keep on saying:

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

it will be a means of safeguarding them against sickness; a means of

granting riches to the destitute; a means of freedom against the fire; a means of safety against being swallowed by the earth; a means of safety against faces becoming distorted; and a means of safety from stones raining down from the heavens.

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A Hadithe Qudsi

Rasulullah ﷺ said that the angel Jibreel عليه السلام made a mention of this *hadith* under oath that he heard it from the angel Mika'il عليه السلام under oath who heard it from the angel Israfeel عليه السلام under oath that Allah سبحانه وتعالى said; "By my honour, grace and grandeur, whoever reads:



BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

and surah *Al-Fatihah* jointly once, then you be witness that I shall not burn his tongue and I will save him from the fire as well as the punishment of the grave and on the day of *Qiyamah*.

Note: Reading *Bismillah* and surah *Al-Fatihah* jointly means to read it as follows:

بِسۡمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحۡمٰنِ الرَّحِيۡمِ الۡحَمۡدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الۡعٰلَمِيۡنَ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪMIL ḤAMDU LILLĀHI RABBIL-`ĀLAMĪN

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. Praise be to Allah, The Cherisher and Sustainer of the Worlds:

Saying Bismillah Before Wudhu

Rasulullah ﷺ said: *"One who does not say Bismillah before wudhu, his wudhu is incomplete."* *Tirmidhi*

It is reported from Abu Hurairah ؓ that anyone who does not say *Bismillah* before *wudhu*, only the sins committed by the limbs which are washed in *wudhu* will be washed away; and one who says *Bismillah* before *wudhu*, the sins of the entire body will be washed away. *Mishkat*

Saying Bismillah Before Meals

Umar Ibn Abi Salamah ؑ reports that Rasulullah ﷺ said to me: "Say *Bismillah* and eat with your right hand the food that is in front of you."

Bukhari, Muslim, Tirmidhi

Whoever ate without saying *Bismillah*, Rasulullah ﷺ used to hold his hand and urge him to say *Bismillah*.

Zadul ma'ad, Uswah-e Rasoole Akram

The scholars have said that it is preferable to say the *Bismillah* aloud so that it is a reminder for those who forget.

Also, Ibn Hibban is reported as saying that if *Bismillah* is said prior to utilising any bounty of Allah ﷻ and *Alhamdu-lillah* is said after utilising it the user will not be asked to give accountability for that bounty on the Day of *Qiyamah*.

Blessings In Food

By saying *Bismillah* before eating, *barakah* is imparted to that food. Hence, Aishah ؓ reports that Rasulullah ﷺ was once having meals with the Sahabah ؓ when a *Bedouin* came along and joined them. He

finished all the food in two morsels. Rasulullah ﷺ remarked that if he would have said *Bismillah* before eating, this food would have sufficed for everyone. And if anyone forgets to say *Bismillah*, he should say:

بِسْمِ اللهِ اَوَّلَهُ وَاٰخِرَهُ

BISMILLĀHI-AWWALUHŪ WA ĀKHIRAHŪ

In the name of Allah at its beginning and end

This will make the *Shaytan* vomit the food he had eaten. (This means that the *barakah* will return) *Abu Dawud*

Not Saying Bismillah - A Cause For Remaining Hungry

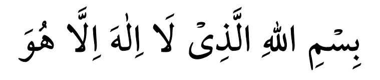
A person once complained to Rasulullah ﷺ that he ate food but still remained hungry. Rasulullah ﷺ said that perhaps you are not saying *Bismillah* before meals. He admitted. Rasulullah ﷺ said that by not reading *Bismillah* your stomach does not fill.

When Undressing

Anas ؓ reports from Rasulullah ﷺ that when a person undresses for the purpose of either relieving himself or bathing or having relations with his spouse then the *Shaytan* interferes and plays with his/her private parts. If he/she says *Bismillah* before taking off the clothes, then this serves as a barrier and safety against the *shayateen* and *jinnat*.

Tirmidhi

The *masnun du'a* mentioned in *Amalul Yaum* Wal Lailah is this:



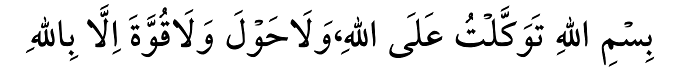
BISMILLĀHIL-LADHĪ LĀ ILĀHA ILLĀ HŪ

With the name of Allah besides whom there is none worthy of worship.

Safety Against Shaytan When Leaving Home

According to the *ahadith* anyone who recites the following *du'a* when leaving the house then Allah ﷻ responds by saying: *" I have given you protection and I have saved you from your enemy, the Shaytan."* (Thus, the *Shaytan* departs from him). *Tirmidhi*

The *du'a* is as follows:



BISMILLĀHI TAWAKKALTU `ALAL-LĀH. WA LĀ ḤAWLA WA LĀ QŪWWATA ILLĀ BILLĀH

With Allah's name. I rely in Allah. There is no power to do good or abstain from evil except with the help of Allah.

Bismillah When Entering Home

Jabir ﷺ reports from Rasulullah ﷺ that when a person says *Bismillah* and enters his home and then says *Bismillah* and begins eating his food then *Shaytan* says to his friends: *"Let's get out of here. There is no food here nor sleeping place."* And if the person does not say *Bismillah* then *Shaytan* says to his friends: *"There is food as well as sleeping place for us here."*

Muslim, Abu Dawud

Masnun Du'a When Entering Home

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّىٓ اَسْئَلُكَ خَيْرَ الْمَوْلَجِ وَخَيْرَ الْمَخْرَجِ بِسْمِ اللهِ
وَلَجْنَا وَبِسْمِ اللهِ خَرَجْنَا وَعَلَى اللهِ رَبِّنَا تَوَكَّلْنَا

ALLĀHUMMA INNĪ AS'ALUKA KHAYRAL MAWLAJI WA KHAYRAL MAKHRAJI. BISMILLĀHI WALAJNĀ WA BISMILLĀHI KHARAJNĀ. WA`ALAL-LĀHI RABBINA TAWAKKALNĀ

O Allah, I ask of You the good of entering and the good of leaving (this home). With Allah's name we enter and with His name we leave and upon Allah, our sustainer, do we rely.

Safety Against Calamities Of The Day And Night

Recite the following du'a three times after *Fajr* and after *Maghrib*:

بِسْمِ اللهِ الَّذِىْ لَايَضُرُّ مَعَ اسْمِهٖ شَىْءٌ فِى الْاَرْضِ
وَلَا فِى السَّمَاءِ وَهُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ

BISMILLĀHIL-LADHĪ LĀ YAḌURRU MA`AS-MIHĪ SHAY'UN FIL-ARḌI WA LĀ FIS-SAMĀ'I WA HUWAS-SAMĪ`UL-`ALĪM.

(I begin this day) with the name of that Allah with whose name nothing on earth or in the heavens can cause harm. And He is All-hearing, All-knowing.

Safety Of One's Deen, Life, Family And Belongings

Recite the following du'a three times after *Fajr* and after *Maghrib*:

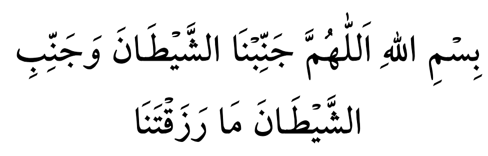
بِسْمِ اللهِ عَلٰى دِيْنِىْ وَنَفْسِىْ وَوَلَدِىْ وَاَهلِىْ وَمَالِىْ

BISMILLĀHI `ALĀ DĪNĪ WA NAFSĪ WA WALADĪ WA AHLĪ WA MĀLĪ

With Allah's name do I seek protection of my deen, my life, my children, my spouse and my belongings.

Safeguarding A Child From The Shaytan As Soon As It Is Born

Imam Bukhari (R.A.) has mentioned a Hadith from Abdullah bin Abbas ؓ : Whoever says :



بِسْمِ اللهِ اَللّٰهُمَّ جَنِّبْنَا الشَّيْطَانَ وَجَنِّبِ الشَّيْطَانَ مَا رَزَقْتَنَا

BISMILLĀHI ALLĀHUMMA JANNIBNASH-SHAYṬĀNA WA JANNIBISH-SHAYṬĀNA MĀ RAZAQTANĀ

O Allah, keep us away from the shaytaan and keep him Away from what You provide us with.

before having relations with his wife, the child that will be born as a result of that will be safeguarded against the harassment of the *Shaytan*. *Bukhari*

Before Every Du'a

Rasulullah ﷺ has said that any *du'a* which begins with:

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

It is not rejected. *Ghunyah*

When In Pain

Uthman bin Abil Aas ﵁ once complained to Rasulullah ﷺ about bodily pain. Rasulullah ﷺ said that place the hand on the part that is in pain, then say *Bismillah* three times and this *du'a* seven times:

اَعُوْذُ بِاللهِ وَقُدْرَتِهِ مِنْ شَرِّ مَااَجِدُ وَاُحَاذِرُ

A`ŪDHU BILLĀHI WA QUDRATIHĪ MIN SHARRI MĀ AJIDU WA UḤĀDHIRU

I seek refuge in Allah and His might from what I feel and fear.

He did as he was told, and the pain disappeared.

When Embarking A Ship

It is reported from Hussain Ibn Ali ﵁ that Rasulullah ﷺ said that my *Ummah* will be safeguarded against drowning as long as they say this *du'a* when embarking a ship:

بِسْمِ اللهِ مَجْرٖيهَا وَمُرْسٰهَا اِنَّ رَبِّىْ لَغَفُوْرٌ رَّحِيْمٌ

وَمَا قَدَرُوا اللهَ حَقَّ قَدْرِهِ

BISMILLĀHI MAJRÉHĀ WA MURSĀHĀ INNA RABBĪ LAGHAFŪRUR-RAḤĪM. WA MĀ QADARŪL-LĀHA ḤAQQA QADRIH

(Please Note : "É" should be read as the "e" of end but prolonged)

With Allah's name be its sailing and mooring. Surely, my Lord is most forgiving and kind. And they have not understood Allah as He aught to be understood.

Bismillah Brings One Closer To Allah ﷻ.

According to one *hadith*, Rasulullah ﷺ was asked by *Uthman* رضي الله عنه regarding *Bismillah*. He replied that it is one of the great names of Allah ﷻ and it brings a person as close to Allah ﷻ as is the closeness of the whiteness and blackness of the eyes. *Tafsir Ibn Kathir*

To Simplify A Difficult Task

Ali رضي الله عنه is reported as saying that:

بِسۡمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحۡمٰنِ الرَّحِيۡمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

is an effective *du'a* for simplifying a difficult task; and removes all grief and brings happiness in the heart.

For Success In Any Project

Whoever reads:

بِسۡمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحۡمٰنِ الرَّحِيۡمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

every day, then makes *du'a* for the success of his project, Allah ﷻ will surely grant him success in that project. *Qur'ani Ilaaj*

Safety Against All Calamities

Whoever writes:

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

on a piece of paper and keeps the paper on him, he will be safeguarded against all calamities. *Qur'ani Ilaaj*

The Benefit Of Writing Bismillah

A pious person says that whoever writes:

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

On paper and keeps the paper with him. Allah ﷻ will grant him honour and no one will harass him. *Tafsir Mudhihul Qur'an*

The same person says that whoever recites:

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

many times and keeps the meaning in mind, the people will hold him in high esteem and no one will ill treat him.

Strengthening The Memory

Recite:

بِسۡمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحۡمٰنِ الرَّحِيۡمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

numerous times, blow in water and let the person who has a weak memory drink it. *Insha Allah*, any weakness in memory will soon disappear.

For Love And Affection

Reciting:

بِسۡمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحۡمٰنِ الرَّحِيۡمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

blowing in water and letting someone drink the water, will make love and affection for his family come into his heart.

For Children To Live

Any woman whose children do not live after birth should read:

بِسۡمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحۡمٰنِ الرَّحِيۡمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

many times and keep the meaning in mind. Her children will live, *Insha-Allah*.

Barakah And Safety In Crops

Write: بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

and bury the paper in the field. The crops will be safeguarded against all calamities and there will be barakah in it.

For Any Need To Be Fulfilled

It has been narrated in *Tafsir Azizi* and *A'male Qur'ani* that a person should read:



BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

numerous times. When he has reciting it a substantial number of times times, he should offer two *rak'ah nafl* and make *du'a* to Allah سبحانه وتعالى for his needs. Then he should perform the same routine numerous times in the same way. Insha-Allah, his needs will be fulfilled.

Before Starting A Journey

Jubair Ibn Mut'im رضي الله عنه says that once Rasulullah ﷺ asked him whether he was desirous that whenever he went out on a journey he should be more prosperous than his companions. He said: *"Yes, O messenger of Allah, may I sacrifice my father and mother for you."*

Rasulullah ﷺ said: *"Recite the last five chapters of the Qur'an by beginning every surah with Bismillah and finally, ending with Bismillah."*

Jubair رضي الله عنه says that prior to this I always found myself having less than my companions. But after I began practising on the instructions of the prophet, I found myself more prosperous than my companions.

Tafsir Mazhari

For Safety Against Crime

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

If the above is read before going to bed, the house will be safeguarded against burglary.

For Safety Against The Evil Effects Of Shaytan

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

If the above is read before going to bed, the reader will be safeguarded against the evil effects of *Shaytan*.

For Safety Against Sudden Death

If, prior to going to bed,

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

is read, the reader will be safeguarded against sudden death.

To Overpower A Tyrant

For overpowering a tyrant say following in his presence.:

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

Safety Against A Tyrant Ruler

Read بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

as often as possible and blow on the paper and keep this paper on the body (in the pocket etc). *Insha-Allah*, the one who does this and then approaches the tyrant, the tyrant's attitude will change for the better. He will respond kindly and the person will be secure against his harms.

For Headache

Write بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

on a piece of paper and tie it around the head. The headache will lesson and then disappear, *Insha-Allah*.

INCIDENTS RELATING TO BISMILLAH

Although not from the ahadith, the following incidents still have lessons for all to keep in mind.

Bishr Haafi's Incident

Bashr Haafi once saw a paper with the inscription:



BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

lying on the ground. He picked it up. He had 2 Dirhams in his pocket. He bought perfume with these and smeared it on the paper. That night he saw a dream. He was told : *"O Bishr Haafi, just as you have honoured my name, in the same way I shall make you popular in the world and in the hereafter"*.

Abu Muslim Khaulani's Incident

Abu Muslim Khaulani had a slave girl who used to serve him. For some time she was feeding him food mixed with poison to kill him. After a number of weeks she saw no signs of illness. She told him what she had been doing and she asked him Why no harm was coming to him? He, in turn asked her why she was doing this. She replied that he has grown old and it was her desire to become free as soon as possible.

This could only happen if he died. He replied that no harm came to him because it is his practice to say;

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

before taking any food or drink. Thereafter, he set her free so she could marry whoever she desired.

The Story Of Allah's ﷾ Forgiving A Qadhi (Judge)

A certain Qadhi passed away while his wife was expecting. The child was born. When he grew up, his mother took him to the *madrasah*. When he said:

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

in the presence of the teacher for the first time, Allah ﷾ lifted the punishment from his father. Allah ﷾ said to Jibreel ﵇: *"O Jibreel, it does no befit me to keep on punishing the father while his child remembers me with:*



BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

A Fascinating Story Of A Jewish Girl

It is mentioned in Lam'aate Soofiyyah that a pious man was once lecturing on the virtues of:

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

A Jewish girl was also listening to his lecture. She was so moved by the lecture that she accepted *Islam*. Whenever she did anything she always said:



BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

When her father, who was the king's minister, discovered that she had embraced *Islam*, he became very upset, He feared that the people would look down upon him. He began threatening her in the hope that she would forsake *Islam*. But she would not. Finally, he decided, the only solution was to kill her.

Thus, he thought of a plan. He gave her the ring which was used for sealing letters and documents in the king's court. He said to her: “Keep it until I ask for it.”

Saying: بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

She took it and put it in her pocket. That night the father tip-toed into her room and stole the ring and flung it into the river. That would give the king all the reason to hang her.

The following day a fisherman came along to the minister and gave him a fish as a gift. The minister took it and gave it to his daughter to prepare it. As soon as she opened the stomach to clean the fish she found the ring. She was shocked! For it looked exactly like the ring her father had given her! She searched for the ring in her pocket but couldn't find it. She read:



BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

and put the ring back into her pocket. She prepared the fish and presented it to her father. He ate the fish. He then asked for the ring.

She said:

بِسۡمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحۡمٰنِ الرَّحِيۡمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

and produced it from her pocket. The father was shocked for he had thrown it into the river! How could she take it out from her pocket! He told her what he had done and asked her where she got it from. She told him she found it from the fish's stomach. Witnessing the barakah of *Bismillah* he accepted Islam straight away!

The Story Of The Roman King

It is mentioned in *Mudhihul Qur'an* that a Roman king wrote to Umar ﷺ that he has continuous headaches and to kindly send him some medication.

Umar ﷺ sent him a hat. As long as he had the hat on his head he would feel well. But when he took it off, the headache came back. He was surprised. He took off the hat and inspected it carefully. And he found following words inscribed inside:



BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

The Story Of Khalid ﷺ

On one occasion, Khalid ﷺ surrounded the enemy. They said to him that you claim that Islam is a true religion. Show us some proof. He said to them to bring him some poison. They brought him a cup filled with poison. He said *Bismillah* and drank it. No harm whatsoever came to him. They all embraced *Islam*.

The Story Of Faqih Muhammad Zamani

Faqih Muhammad Zamani had a severe fever. His teacher Faqih Wali Muhammad came to pay him a visit. He gave him an amulet and saying, don't open it, he departed.

As soon as he wore it his fever disappeared. He became curious. So he opened it and found:

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

written in it. This made him lose his confidence in the amulet. fever returned.

He went back to his teacher and offered his apology and asked for another amulet. The teacher gave him another one. He wore it and his fever again disappeared. He opened it after a year and again, to his surprise, found:



BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

written in it. By this time he was cured and his *yaqeen* in following words grew tremendously:

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

SOME MASA'IL PERTAINING TO BISMILLAH

Mas'lah 1: According to *Imam* Abu Hanifah (R.A.) It is better to say:

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

softly in *salaah* between surah *Al-Fatihah* and any surah.

Mas'lah 2: بِسۡمِ اللهِ الرَّحۡمٰنِ الرَّحِيۡمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

Which separates two chapters is not part of that surah though it is an ayah of the *Holy Qur'an*. Therefore it should be given the same honour as any other verse of the *Holy Qur'an*.

Mas'lah 3: بِسۡمِ اللهِ الرَّحۡمٰنِ الرَّحِيۡمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

Is an exclusive ayah of surah Naml in the following verse:

اِنَّهٗ مِنۡ سُلَيۡمٰنَ وَاِنَّهٗ بِسۡمِ اللهِ الرَّحۡمٰنِ الرَّحِيۡمِ

INNAHŪ MIN SULAYMĀNA WA INNAHŪ
BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

Mas'lah 4: بِسۡمِ اللهِ الرَّحۡمٰنِ الرَّحِيۡمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

Since it is an ayah of the *Holy Qur'an*, it is not preferable to write it or hold a paper on which it (*Bismillah*) is written, without *wudhu*.

Mas'lah 5: : بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

Since it is a verse of the *Holy Qur'an* it should be recited at least once aloud in the *tarawih prayer*.

Mas'lah 6: It is necessary to say:



BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

when slaughtering an animal. If a person leaves it out intentionally, the animal will not be *halal* for consumption according to not only Imam Abu Hanifah (R.A) but all the Fuqaha Imams *Ma'ariful Qur'an*

Mas'lah 7: When slaughtering an animal one should say:

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ اَللّٰهُ اَكْبَرُ

BISMILLĀHI ALLĀHU AKBAR

In the name of Allah, Allah is the Greatest.

It is *sunnah* to say *Bismillah* before *wudhu*.

According to the *ahadeth* any of the 4 forms of *Tasmiyah* can be read:

بِسْمِ اللهِ

بِسْمِ اللهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

بِسْمِ اللهِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَلٰى دِيْنِ الْاِسْلَامِ

BISMILLĀH.
BISMILLĀHI WALḤAMDU LILLĀH.
BISMILLĀHIR-RAḤMĀNIR-RAḤĪM.
BISMILLĀHIL `AẒĪMI WALḤAMDU LILLĀHI `ALĀ DĪNIL ISLĀM.

In the name of Allah.
In the name of Allah, and with His praise.
In the name of Allah the most Gracious, the most Merciful.
In the name of Allah the great, and with His praise, upon the religion of Islam.

Mas'lah 8: When lowering the dead into the grave the following form of *Tasmiyah* should be read:

بِسْمِ اللهِ وَعَلٰى مِلَّةِ رَسُوْلِ اللهِ

BISMILLĀHI WA `ALĀ MILLATI RASŪLIL-LĀH

In the name of Allah and on the religion of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ.